

Appl. No. 09/693,019
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Reply to Office action of October 17, 2005

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Remarks/Arguments

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner to applicants' attorney during the telephone interview on November 1, 2005. This Amendment is being submitted in accordance with the discussion and conclusions of that interview.

Claim 3 stands rejected, 35 USC 101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter, as being directed to a data structure. Accordingly, applicants have canceled claim 3 and are substituting in its stead new claim 16 directed to a method for monitoring and tracking connections, as therein set forth. It is applicants' understanding that the Examiner, to whom the claim was submitted prior to the interview, has already reviewed the new claim 16 and has concluded that it is not subject to a section 101 rejection.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claim 16 are therefore requested.

During the interview the confusion with respect to claims 14 and 15 was also discussed. As was pointed out to the Examiner, applicants in their Amendment of June 27, 2005, had stated that they had canceled all of the rejected claims, which excluded only claim 3, even though in their listing of claims this was not done. However, by this Amendment applicants are clearly indicating that claims 1-15 have been canceled.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition to be passed to issue, and such action is also requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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